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Strong winds cause Fulton damage

Staff Reports

What has been assessed as strong winds ripped through the Itawamba Community College Fulton Campus, Mar. 3, and caused roof, fence and tree damage.

The preliminary report also shows fence damage at both the Belden Center and the Tupelo Campus, according to John Wayne Harris, director of Physical Plant operations.

Included at the Fulton Campus was roof damage to the W.O. Benjamin Fine Arts Center, Band Hall, the entrance to Butch Lambert Stadium, David C. Cole Student Services Building, Crubaugh Technical Education Building, Student Activities Center and the Child Development Center,

There was fence damage at a faculty house on Thrash Street and at the tennis complex, both at Fulton; the mechanical fence at the Belden Center and the Multipurpose Building chainlink fence at the Tupelo Campus. Multiple trees were down at Fulton.

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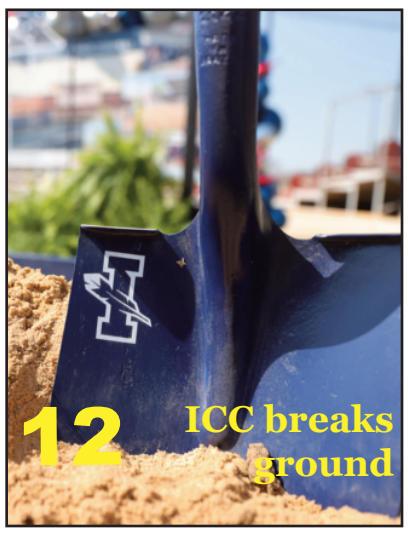

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VIEWPOINT

SHELBY TUTOR
Staff Writer

A star is born... it is YOU!

Have you ever looked up in the sky on a clear summer night and noticed all of the stars? How bright they are? How it feels as though you can just reach out and touch them. Yet when you try, they are so far away.

Some days, that is what trying to reach our goals feels like. Even though we can see them, we are too far away to reach them. They just dangle in front of us like a carrot and a rabbit. Even on those dark, gloomy days when we are feeling so defeated...so confused on which direction we need to go. Maybe we should just throw in the towel. The clouds have covered up our shining beacon of light.

Scientists say that the light from a star is sent out in all directions and it's largely unimpeded in its path from the star to us. Hmmmm, that sounds like the clouds are starting to part. Have you started to see that light again?

As you are sitting there staring down into your coffee, your reflection isn't clear enough to see in the darkened caffeine. While the steam starts to collect in beads of condensation on the bridge of your nose, you look up. There is that glimmer of hope again.

So many times we get caught up and overwhelmed with our everyday lives. I'm not just talking about college, but just life...steadily trying to keep up with the latest social media trends, eat healthy, get eight hours of sleep, make time for ourselves, all while still trying to reach that goal.

Your personal life experience is the greatest factor when it comes to dream interpretation because this experience right now in our lives shapes who we are going to be. This stress and anxiety you feel now can influence what each star means in your life.

Stars are not all the same distance from us. Some are closer and some farther away. The closer a star is to us, the brighter it will be.

Our goals and aspirations work the same way. Just because we can't reach out and touch them, or they seem so far away from reality doesn't mean that they are unachievable. Dreams do come true, you know.

We cannot all be winners ALL of the time.

Pace yourself, learn to break things down and develop a plan for your life....one that not only helps you mentally, but also physically. Write down your goals. Don't just leave them lingering in your head, and most importantly, keep your perspective.

The way we interpret our goals can make a big difference in terms of how we can achieve them. Instead of giving up or putting your goal aside for a rainy day, be committed, stay in contact with the part of yourself that had the drive to begin with.

I know it's hard. I know that it's much easier to talk about those goals than to actually work for them. But, think about the future...walking across that stage on graduation day, surrounded by your friends and family...achieving that goal and gaining that diploma you have worked so hard for, reaching your full potential.

It's all in the stars, every goal, every leap of faith, every moment has set you up for this day...for this time in your lives. That light that you once stared at from a million miles away now sits in the palm of your hand, waiting for your next adventure.

Run, don't walk. ..we will look for you among the stars.

OPINION POLL

What do you think...

"What's your favorite food in the Dining Hall?"

"Corn dog nuggets, for sure."
Austin Taylor
Freshman
Pontotoc

"Pasta"
Rustin Reeves
Freshman
Fulton

"Catfish and hushpuppies"
Monserrat Garcia
Sophomore
Fulton

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"Country fried steak."
Joseph Cassler
Sophomore
Mantachie

"Chicken nuggets."
Max Wright
Sophomore
Pontotoc

"Chicken fajitas."
Doug Gray
Freshman
Amory

"Pizza is my go-to."
Logan Woods
Sophomore
Vernon, Ala.

"Probably chicken nuggets."
Carrie Crowley
Freshman
Nettleton

"Hamburger steak and gravy is always good."
Lillian Madrid
Freshman
Smithville

"The sandwich bar."
John Blassingame
Freshman
Saltillo

"I like the chicken Alfredo pasta pretty well."
Mackenzie Davis
Freshman
Hatley

"Pizza.""
Jesse Pettigrew
Freshman
Pontotoc

"Chicken tenders."
Jordan Laney
Sophomore
Fulton

"Used to be the Asian chicken,but now it's country fried steak."
Cori Turner
Sophomore
Columbus

ETHAN KELLY
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VIEWPOINT

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First-generation... my story could be your's

I have always known in the back of my head that graduating from high school meant automatically going to college, but when the time came to decide where to go, I had no clue.

My parents didn't have the opportunity to go to college. Therefore, it was important for me to go and continue my education. I had a ton of support from them when deciding. Some first-generation college students don't have that luxury.

Being the first in my family to enroll in college came with a lot of pressure.

I wanted to go straight to a university, but in my heart, I knew I wasn't ready. The university experience seemed overwhelming coming from a small town. I was an above-average student from a gradating class of 90 with little faith in myself to make it through university. Thats when I decided that the community college route was for me.

By coming to ICC, I achieved the status of a first-generation college student. With little faith in myself to make it through, I wanted to prove myself wrong. I wanted to break the cycle in my family of not going through college.

And I did just that.

When I got in the classroom, I felt more motivated and determined to succeed in my academics. I got better grades on tests than I did in high school, and I have made the President's list every semester.

Being a first-generation college student was scary. Translating those feelings and experiences to my parents was difficult. I had no one to turn to and no one in my family to talk to about what I was going through. And there were challenges. Again, some students in the same situation as I don't have individuals in their lives who will just listen. The college experience is unfamiliar to them, and there is no common bond.

While living on campus, I have found many friends who are able to relate to coming from a first-generation college student standpoint. I have been able to rant about the daily annoyances of being a college student to them.

While at ICC, I have been an orientation leader, am on the Chieftain staff, a part of the honors program and overall, a part of the college community, which includes many people like me. There are opportunities I would have missed had I not chosen the college route.

This school has taught me so much, and I have found out more about myself. I believe ICC has played a major role in shaping who I am today. I found what I like about myself and what I like about other people.

I found I value education more now than I did before. That made my decision to taking the steps to become an elementary teacher easier. I want others to view education as more than what they already do. I want to make education fun for others.

Every time I have the chance to talk to a potential first-generation student, I share my experience and the benefits of going to college, especially ICC. I only wish I had a first-generation student to talk to when I was getting started.

While I still have two more years to complete after graduating from ICC I feel I am now more prepared than ever. I can't wait to get to the University of North Alabama and continue my journey.

This is my story, but as a first-generation student, it can be your story, too. Take some time to get to know other first-generation students. Be an encourager, and most importantly, be a listener, because our stories are very similar.

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Faculty SPOTLIGHT

JUDITH GRIFFIE

Psychology

FAMILY: *Husband of 27 years, Sam; daughter, Ashley, 22; son, Spencer, 19; one diva cat, Daisy*

EDUCATION: *B.A. and M.S., both in psychology, Mississippi State University*

COURSES TAUGHT AT ICC: *General Psychology, Honors Psychology, Child Psychology, Human Growth and Development*

TEACHING EXPERIENCE: *After teaching a few years as an adjunct for ICC, began full-time in 2009 on the Tupelo Campus; last four years on the Fulton Campus.*

POSITIVE ASPECTS OF TEACHING: *"I enjoy teaching psychology, and I love interacting with students in the classroom! Psychology is such an interesting subject that relates to everyone, and I enjoy seeing students connect to these concepts every day. Psychology research is ongoing, and I enjoy learning and discussing with classes what new research has been found."*

NEGATIVE ASPECTS OF TEACHING: *"My hope is for students to remember some concepts from psychology long after they have taken this class. However, I see students who have the capacity to learn the concepts, but they do not put in the study time to do so. However, there are some students who could benefit from asking questions or visiting me during office hours, but they don't take advantage of this."*

ADVICE TO STUDENTS IN CLASS: *"Yes, it is good to be physically present in class, but if you want a better experience in your classes, be mentally present also. If you are 'in it,' not only will you enjoy it more, but you are more likely to put the concepts you are learning into longterm memory. Also, enjoy your time in college! Make friends, get involved and make great memories."*

INTERESTS: *"I enjoy family and friend time, a good mystery, the beach, music and flowers. I am a soprano in choir."*

SHELBY STIDHAM
Staff Writer

Wellness Week March 27-30

New health option

Jayson Hamilton, TimelyMD Client Success Manager, meets with ICC representatives to share information about the new partnership on Mar. 8.

ICC partners with TimelyMD for mental, physical health support to faculty, students

Staff Reports

Itawamba Community College has launched a partnership with TimelyMD to connect full-time faculty and currently-enrolled students to the support and resources in both mental and physical health they need to succeed.

TimelyMD Client Success Manager Jayson Hamilton and representative Sara Beth Rowland were at ICC Mar. 8 to share information about the new opportunity.

TimelyCare provides on-demand 24/7 service that offers virtual health and well-being to currently-enrolled students and full-time faculty and staff for free, according to Dr. Brad Boggs, vice president of Student Services, including mental and emotional support, health literacy guidance and crisis management by masters-level behavioral health professionals. "It also provides a dedicated phone line for full-time faculty and staff to reach the TimelyCare team for guidance and support in cases of student distress."

Those covered may choose the visit modality that works best for them - video, phone or video chat. The simple, flexible scheduling enables students to choose their provider, day and time as well as cancel a visit and select the next available time that works best for them. Also, students can choose to add a parent, translator or even an adviser to the conversation.

According to TimelyMD, "A modern virtual care platform starts with the technology that individuals want to use, especially students. The TimelyCare platform is built for digital natives, with appointment-based and self-care resources for mental and emotional health, all available through phone, video or video chat.

TimelyCare was created exclusively for colleges and universities. "We partner to build a virtual healthcare solution that reflects the school's values and student population," according to information provided by TimelyMD.

"When they observe students in crisis, faculty, staff and other campus personnel can access guidance. We complement and support on-campus resources. We formed TimelyMD knowing that there is a need for a student virtual health and well-being platform that goes well beyond physical care. To us, that means easy access to the best medical and mental healthcare, right when students need it. When students have the right support, their potential to thrive - physically, emotionally and academically - grows exponentially. That's why we've assembled a team of people who are passionate about changing the future of healthcare. Our aim is to help students begin health and well-being conversations earlier, get treated faster and ensure student healthcare is positively impacting student engagement and retention. Healthy students are more engaged and able to meet their academic goals."

To access TimelyCare, log in to myTribe to activate your TimelyCare account on the right side of the home page, Boggs said. "Accounts must be activated each semester. Once your account is activated through myTribe, you are now eligible to log in to https://app.timelycare.com using your ICC email address and begin using the services. TimelyCare can also be accessed by downloading the app from the app store or through the TimelyMD link on the home page of the ICC app which is now available."

ICC Trustees elect 2023 officers

Staff Reports

Marilyn Sumerford of Smithville has been elected chairman of the Itawamba Community College Board of Trustees for 2023.

Other officers include Steve Coleman of Pontotoc, first vice chairman; Ronnie Gholston of Fulton, second vice chairman; Dr. Jerome Smith of Okolona, secretary; and Gill Simmons of Tupelo, immediate past chairman.

Also serving on ICC's Board of Trustees are Jeanette Atkins, Danny Gladney, Mac Allen Thomas, all of Aberdeen; Skip Scaggs of Amory; Dan Bishop of Baldwyn; Bonnie Webb of Belden; Greg McKissick of Blue Springs; Don Loden, Stacy Russell, both of Fulton; John Atkinson, Ollie Young, both of Houston; Mark Tigner of Mantachie; Bud Wiygul of Nettleton; Amy Anderson of Okolona; Gerald Bell, Ted Foster, Phyllis High, Danny Robbins, all of Pontotoc; Duane Jones of Shannon; and Steve Eaton of Woodland.

ICC to recognize outstanding students, May 1

ANNA GREGORY
Staff Writer

Itawamba Community College's outstanding students for 2022-23 will be recognized during an Awards of Distinction ceremony at 5 p.m., May 1, at the W.O. Benjamin Fine Arts Center auditorium on the Fulton Campus.

According to Communications Division Chair Anna Britt-Begnaud, the ceremony will recognize "outstanding students from each program, department and division at the College." They will include the top students from the Fulton and Tupelo campuses and the Belden Center.

It will also recognize the Phi Theta Kappa chapter award recipients, Hall of Fame and Mr. and Miss. ICC.

Britt-Begnaud said that the faculty and staff of Itawamba Community College are especially invited to attend the event in order to honor the student award winner from their departments/divisions.

Students are encouraged to invite their families to the event as well.

A list of honorees will be included in the April edition of the Chieftain.

FYI

MAKE A NOTE OF IT

Attention!

ICC needs student survey input

Staff Reports

All current Itawamba Community College students may provide their thoughts and opinions on instruction and other areas at the College through the spring semester's Student Evaluation of Instruction.

Each student will receive these surveys for each class (traditional and online) throughout the semester based on term dates via email. SEIs will also populate inside each course in Canvas so that students may choose to take the SEI via the email invitation or Canvas link based on personal preference for each class.

All student survey responses remain anonymous, and instructors do not receive the SEI results until after submitting their final grades at the end of each semester. ICC's administration may review all comments made in the SEIs.

Administrators indicate that student opinions are a key component of continuously improving the services and instruction that ICC provides.

Pathways/Continuing Education

Classes to begin soon

Staff Reports

Registration is underway for pathways/continuing education classes that will begin soon at Itawamba Community College.

They include ACT Prep and Forklift Operator Training.

ACT Prep sessions are scheduled from 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Apr. 1 (Math/Science) and 8 (English/Reading). In ACT exam prep classes, instructors use three intensive classroom review methods in English, reading, science reasoning and math that focus on strategies for improving test-day performance and scores. Those methods include a review of all concepts tested, tips for overcoming test anxiety and guides for "studying smart." Pre-tests and post-tests using full-length ACT practice tests measure performance and practice for the spring test date.

Forklift Operator Training will meet Apr. 4 from 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. It includes OSHA safety instruction, forklift simulator practice, safety check protocol, hands-on driving, loading and unloading operation.

The classes meet at the ICC Belden Center.

Scholarships may be available for those who qualify.

For more information about the classes, including fees, email pathways@iccms.edu or call (662) 407-1537.

Register now for four-week term

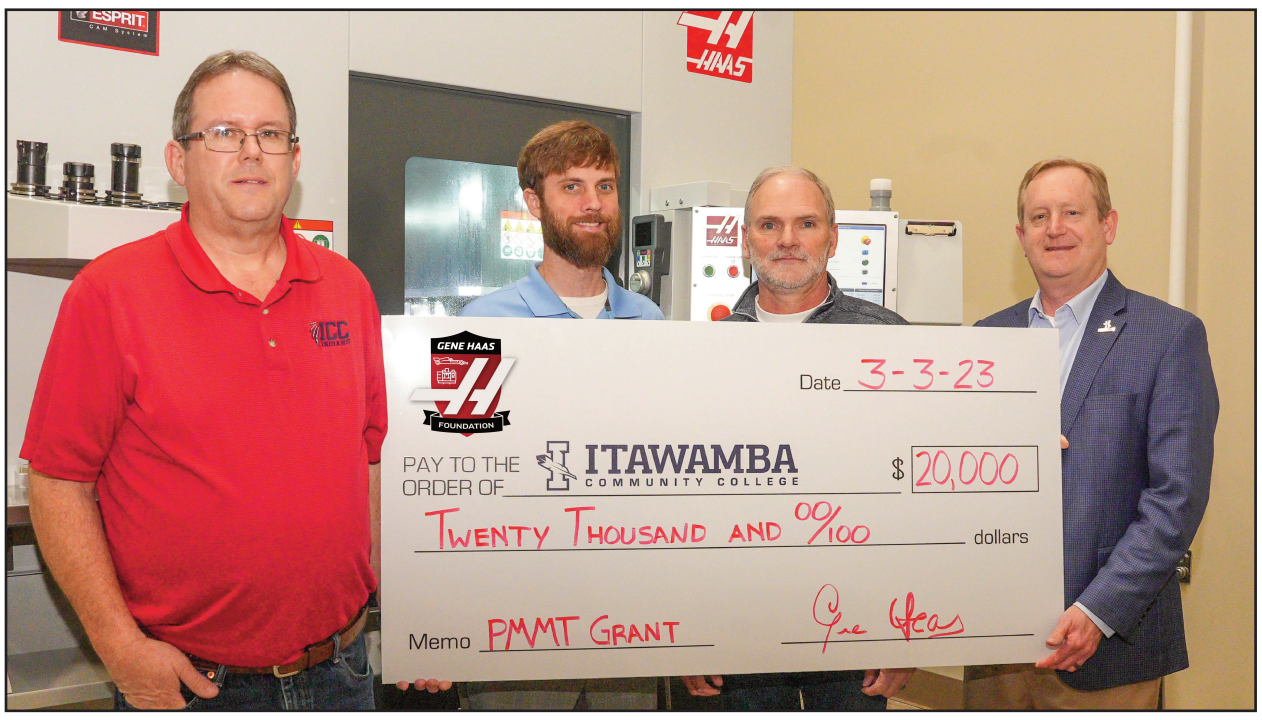
Staff Reports

Registration is continuing at Itawamba Community College for eLearning second four-week classes.

Classes begin on Apr. 10, and the registration deadline is Apr. 11.

ICC offers academic, career education, health sciences, workforce and online classes.

For more information, call (662) 862-8000 or email eadviser@iccms.edu.



From left, Jerry Pettigrew, PMMT program director/instructor, Dylan Baldwin, director of career education; Barry Emison, vice president of career and workforce education; and Dr. Jay Allen, ICC president, display a ceremonial check for $20,000 from the Haas Foundation.

Gene Haas Foundation donates $20K to ICC's PMMT program

Staff Reports

Itawamba Community College's Precision Manufacturing and Machining Technology program has received a $20,000 grant from the Gene Haas Foundation.

According to Dylan Baldwin, ICC's director of Career Education, the funds are being used for financial aid for several students. "We appreciate very much the investment by the Haas Foundation in ICC's Precision Manufacturing and Machining Technology program," Baldwin said. "Not only is it an investment in the program, but it is an investment in the future of our students."

In 1999, Gene Haas formed the foundation, which bears his name because he grew up with a strong social conscience instilled by his family.

It was initially designed to fund the needs of the local community. Haas Automation is now a billion dollar company. The focus of the foundation has shifted to the current outreach and methodology.

Its purpose is to introduce students to careers in machine technology and manufacturing, to build skills in the machining industry and to help military veterans enroll in programs that train them to become skilled machinists.

ICC's Precision Manufacturing and Machining Technology program is designed to prepare individuals for various-level positions in precision high-tech manufacturing.

It includes instruction and practice in manufacturing techniques and practice in manufacturing. Students develop skill sets that are valued by manufacturers nationwide and validated by national accrediting agencies such as the National Institute for Metalworking Skills and the National Association of Manufacturers.

"We would like to thank the Gene Haas Foundation for their generous contribution and support of our program," said Jerry Pettigrew, instructor. "This grant will be used to help offset some of the financial burdens of these students, and for this, we are extremely grateful."

ICC's Thornton elected MAST board member

Staff Reports

Alicia King Thornton of Tupelo, Surgical Technology program director at ICC, has been selected as a member of the board of directors for the Mississippi Association of Surgical Technology for a two-year term.

Alicia Thornton

A native of Verona, Thornton is a graduate of Shannon High School and ICC (Associate of Arts degree). She was accepted into the Surgical Technology program in the summer of 2012 and earned the Associate of Applied Sciences degree in 2013. Her additional education background includes certification as Surgical First Assistant (training with Baptist Hospital) and the Bachelor of Health Science degree from the University of Mississippi.

Her employment history includes Baptist Golden Triangle in columbus and East Mississippi Community College (Surgical Technology program director). Thornton rejoined the ICC family in 2022 in her current position.

Additional memberships include the Association of Surgical Technology, Association of Surgical Assistants and First Baptist Missionary Baptist Church in Aberdeen.

She and her husband, Jirmychael, have two sons, Ashler, 2; and Ashten, 5 months.

The Association of Surgical Technologists was established in 1969 by members of the American College of Surgeons. Today, surgical technologists are working in one of the fastest-growing professions in the country. As the oldest and most widely-recognized professional organizations for surgical technologists, AST's primary purpose is to ensure that surgical technologists have the knowledge and skills to administer patient care of the highest quality.

SGA officers set for '23

Staff Reports

Officers for ICC's Student Government Association for 2023-24 have been elected.

They include

President
Fulton Campus
Whitt Willis

President
Tupelo Campus
Lucy Vaughn

Vice President
Fulton Campus
ZaMarion Jones

Vice President
Tupelo Campus
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Comp. Prog./Net.	Dr. Delena Hukle	620.5163
	Cindy Layman	620.5116
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Diversity Club	Dr. Michelle Sumerel	862.8050
Fashion Tribe	Taylor Tutor	862.8281
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Future Resp. Ther.	Adam Denton	620.5238
Global Experience	Jessi Stevenson	862.8308
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MOSA	Dr. Tamar Lucas	620.5218
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OTA	Dee Dee Lomenick	620.5026
Phi Theta Kappa	Jenny Bowers	620.5045
	Dr. Delena Hukle	620.5163
	Dr. Ira Lindsay Jones	620.5043
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For more information on ICC clubs and organizations,

Construction Management
CAREER DAY
Meet and Greet
with Construction Employers!
Mar. 30, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
Crubaugh Technical Education Building
Fulton Campus

Itawamba Community College Fashion Tribe members, from left, Emory Reinhard, Lexi Tabbs, Zoe Bigham, Anna Beth Brown and Kaitlyn Plunkett, rehearse for their spring show, POP!, which is Apr. 5 at the Fulton Campus.

Fashion Tribe's 'POP!,' Apr. 5

Staff Reports

Itawamba Community College's Fashion Tribe will present its spring show, POP!, Apr. 5 at 7 p.m. in the W.O. Benjamin Fine Arts Center auditorium on the Fulton Campus.

It will feature 60 models.

Those participating in the show are Riley Ray, Reese Cantrell, Kyla Ratliff, Ron Jenkins, Caroline Nester, Reese Griffith, Laney Howell, all of **Amory**; Mary Grace Hale of **Calhoun City**; Addison Pletzke of **Clinton**; Cody McGary of **Eupora**; Brady Peacock of **French Camp**; Camron Cowart, Marley Moore, Dylan Quinn, Kaylee McMillin, all of **Fulton**; Shyne Tampos of **Guntown**; Aubrey Eaton of **Houston**; Kaitlynn Plunkett, Emory Reinhart, both of **Mantachie**; Hayes Merritt of **Millport, Ala.**; Emma Mask of **Mooreville**; Hunter Sudduth, Madalyn Minica, both of **Nettleton**; Riley Ozbirn of **New Albany**; Alex Wright, Griffin Davis, both of **Olive Branch**; Zoe Bigham of **Philadelphia**; Anna Claire Warren, Macey Thomas, Elizabeth Willis, Tiffany Bishop, Taylor Bishop, Jessie Corley, Maly Mae Fitts, Marley Hoing, Rock Robinson, Asteric Whitt, Anna Beth Brown, Emily Clowers, Annasia Berry, all of **Pontotoc**; Lexi Tabbs of **Red Bay, Ala.**; Kage Heberling, Carlie George, Ruth Allison White, Wanda Lyles, all of **Saltillo**; Lexi Cooke of **Senatobia**; Holly Carrington of **Southaven**; and Emily Moorman, Jay Salters, Bryce Weaver, Shelby Erwin, Daiton Strange, Sa'Niyah Shumpert, Gabryale Adams, all of **Tupelo**.

The event is free and open to the public.

ICC's PTK Upsilon Sigma chapter receives regional awards

Staff Reports

Itawamba Community College's Upsilon Sigma chapter of Phi Theta Kappa received multiple awards at the organization's Mississippi/Louisiana Regional Conference, Mar. 2-3, at Mississippi State University.

They include, all for 2023, Horizon (advisers Robin Lowe of Amory, Jay Humphries of Vina, Ala. and Bradley Howard of Saltillo); Distinguished Chapter Officer (Lexi Tabbs of Red Bay, Ala.); Distinguished Adviser Team (Robin Lowe, Jay Humphries, Bradley Howard); Order of the Golden Key (Lexi Tabbs); Honors in Action second place; Theme 6 for Honors in Action, The Nostalgia of Play; Regional Reporter, Emory Reinhard of Mantachie; Distinguished Chapter Finalist (ranked sixth in Region) and Five Star Chapter. The chapter has had a regional officer every year since 2010.

Upsilon Sigma selected The Nostalgia of Play: Theme 6 from among seven Honors in Action themes. The projects require substantive academic investigation of a theme related to the Society's current Honors Study Topic.

Phi Theta Kappa is the international honor society for the two-year college. Its hallmarks are leadership, scholarship, fellowship and service, which are the criteria for selection as recipient of the Golden Key award. Members are afforded opportunities for personal and professional growth and to provide service to the community and society at-large.

Officers of ICC's Phi Theta Kappa Upsilon Sigma chapter display awards which they received during a Mar. 2-3 regional conference. They include, front from left, Emma Logan, Grace james, Hannah McGill, Lexi Tabbs, Macey Thomas, Emory Reinhard, Lori Leachman; back, Madison Martin, Anna Hogan, Joshua Smith, Zoe Bigham and Morgan Young. Not pictured, Kenzie Priest and Marley Moore.

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Athletics	Athletic Director
Band	Band Director
Books/Supplies	Bookstore
Career Planning	Adviser/Advising Center
Car Registration Decals	Campus Police
Change of Adviser/Major	Advising Center
Change in Curriculum	Adviser/Student Affairs
Counseling	Student Affairs
Counseling (Personal)	V.P. of Student Services
Course Placement	V.P. of Instructional Services
Evaluation of Credits	Admissions
Examinations	Instructor
Faculty Office Hours	Instructor
Graduation Req.	Admissions
I.D. Cards	Student Affairs
Intramurals/Activities	Coor. of Student Activities
Library	Director of Libraries
Log-Ins/PINs	TIS Help Desk
Parking	Campus Police
Part-Time Jobs	Student Affairs
Placement Testing	Student Affairs
Publicity/Publications	Community Relations
Registration	Admissions
Schedule Changes	Adviser
Schedule Planning	Adviser
Scholarships	Financial Aid
Student Aid/Work Study	Financial Aid
Student Government	Coor. of Student Activities
Student Organizations	Sponsors
Summer School	Student Affairs V.P. of Instructional Services
Testing (Career)	Career Center
Transcripts	Admissions
Tuition, Fees, Deferrals	Business office
Use of Campus Property	V.P. of Student Services
Veterans Affairs	Financial Aid

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Admissions/Records	Student Affairs
Advanced Placement Credit	VP, Instructional Services
Books and Supplies	Bookstore
Career Planning	Adviser/Career Center
Car Registration/Decals	Campus Police
Counseling	Student Affairs
Evaluation of Credits	Admissions
I.D. Cards	Student Affairs
Job Placement	Career Center
Library	Library
Log-Ins/PINs	TIS Help Desk
Parking	Campus Police
Registration/Early-Reg.	Student Affairs
Schedule Planning	Student Affairs
Scholarships	Financial Aid
Student Activities	Student Affairs
Student Aid	Financial Aid
Student Government	Coor. of Student Activities
Transcripts	Student Affairs
Tuition and Fees	Business office
Veterans Affairs	Financial Aid

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Adult Ed./High School Equivalency	Audra Perry
Continuing Education	Josh Gammill
WIOA	Brad Gates
Workforce	Barry Emison

Contact information available at www.iccms.edu by clicking on the area of interest or by searching the college directory at the same location.

Stevenson, McBride
ICC faculty members present at MCA conference

Staff Reports

Two ICC faculty members were included as presenters for the Mississippi Communication Association Conference held recently at Mississippi College.

Presenters of Great Ideas for Teaching Students and their topics were Dr. Laurie McBride of Fulton, speech and theatre instructor, "It's Not Just a Shoebox: Using Operation Christmas Child in Public Speaking Class" and Jessi Stevenson, also of Fulton, speech instructor, "GUESSturing to Improve Visual Delivery."

Jessi Stevenson

Dr. Laurie McBride

Their audiences included communication scholars from colleges such as the University of Alabama, University of Arkansas and Mississippi State University. At the conclusion of the conference, Stevenson, who will serve as the communication liaison for MCA for 2023-24, received the Top G.I.F.T.S. Presentation Award for her "creative proposal and presentation."

Stevenson uses her G.I.F.T.S. presentation in her classroom each semester, according to Fine Arts Department chair Dr. Cass Patrick. "Students break into teams and play the game, Guesstures, which is similar to Charades, during her lecture on proper techniques for mastering positive delivery and engaging with an audience. She uses this game to bring inventiveness to her classroom and encourages students to open themselves in a more creative, engaging and animated way as they communicate with the audiences of both the classroom and life."

Friday is deadline to submit
Meritorious nominations

Staff Reports

Nominations for Itawamba Community College's Meritorious Awards for 2023 are due in the President's office or by email to awards@iccms.edu by Friday (Mar. 31).

Faculty, staff and students are invited and encouraged to submit nominations, according to Tyler Camp, chief of staff and special assistant to the president.

All full-time employees with a minimum of three years at ICC are eligible to receive the award. Individuals cannot be selected more than once.

The criteria includes outstanding job performance, teaching, coaching, guidance, service, unselfish dedication to students and the College, outstanding leadership at the College, community involvement and/or professional organizations and other criteria: publications, grants, club and student activities involvement.

Among the additional criteria are contributions to the college through committees, special projects, volunteerism, service to the community as a representative of the college and art exhibitions, concerts and public performances.

Award recipients will be honored during an afternoon ceremony May 1, Camp said.

All ICC employees as well as currently enrolled students can nominate.

Information that is requested includes "How has this person made a difference at Itawamba Community College? What outstanding contributions has this person made for the students at Itawamba Community College?"

For a nomination to be considered, multiple criteria or reasons why the nominees deserve the award must be listed as well as recent accomplishments if applicable, Camp said.

The form also indicates that providing more than a single statement will give the nominee the best opportunity for selection.

The nomination form has been emailed to both students and employees. For more information, access www.iccms.edu/awards.

2022 winners include C.J. Adams, Bradley Howard, Jim Ingram, Carrie Lindsey, Emily Loden-Jones, Robin Lowe and Freddy Tucker.

And the winner is... No Strings attached!

The annual Indians' Got Talent competition completed its 2023 season with performances by the finalists, and first place went to No Strings attached! Members of the group include, in no particular order, Noah Wade, Juan Ramirez, Michael Franklin, Mikey Franklin, Jacob Goodman and Jared Brownlee. Although the group organized only to compete in Indians' Got Talent, they plan to start playing locally, Brownlee said.

ATTENTION!

Application deadline to participate in 2023 commencement ceremony extended to March 31!

Are you checking your ICC email?

FYI

MAKE A NOTE OF IT

Spring 2023 Calendar

March 27.....Registration for currently-enrolled Honors College and Allied Health students who have completed 24 or more hours begins at 7:30 a.m.

March 28.....Registration for currently-enrolled sophomores who have completed 24 or more hours begins at 7:30 a.m.

March 29.....Last day to drop classes with a 'W' through excessive absences or withdrawal from classes for eLearning full-term classes

March 30.....Registration for currently-enrolled freshmen begins at 7:30 a.m.

April 7.....Holiday for students, employees

April 10.....Holiday for students, employees

April 10.....First day of class for eLearning second four-week classes

April 11.....Last day to add eLearning second four-week classes

April 12.....Honors Orientation begins at 1 p.m. on the Fulton Campus

April 17.....First day of registration for readmission students and transfer students

April 19.....Last day to drop a class with a 'W' through excessive absences or withdrawal from classes for eLearning second eight-week classes

April 21.....Freshman Orientation begins at 8:30 a.m. (Fulton Campus) and 1 p.m. (Fulton Campus)

April 24-28..Final Exams for eLearning full-term classes

April 26.....Last day to drop classes with a 'W' through excessive absences or withdrawal from classes for eLearning second eight-week classes

April 28.....Last day to drop classes with a 'W' through excessive absences or withdrawal from classes for eLearning second four-week classes

April 28.....Freshman Orientation begins at 8:30 a.m. (Fulton Campus) and 1 p.m. (Fulton Campus)

May 1.....Grades due at noon for eLearning full-term classes

May 1.....Faculty and staff awards of distinction and retirement ceremony, 2 p.m.

May 1.....Student awards of distinction ceremony, 6 p.m.

May 1.....Final exams for traditional full-term day classes

May 12.....Commencement ceremonies

Last of lecture series set for Tuesday

Staff Reports

The last lecture as part of "Reflecting Mississippi: Finding Yourself in Mississippi's Reflection," is scheduled for Mar. 28 at 6 p.m. in the W.O. Benjamin Fine Arts Center Lecture Demonstration Room on the Fulton Campus.

Dr. Bridget Smith Pieschel will present "Women's Private Writing as a Public Resource."

A native of Louisville, she earned both bachelor's and master's degrees in English from Mississippi University for Women and the doctorate from the University of Alabama.

Now retired after 39 years, 24 of those in supervisory positions, she is Emerita Professor of English and Women's Studies. Her career at the W included serving as the director of the Honors Program, as the dean of the Division of Humanities and twice as chair of the Department of Languages, Literature and Philosophy. She became the director of the Center for Women's Research and Public Policy at The W in 2005.

Her honors include recipient of the MUW Medal of Excellence in 2005 and the Kossen Distinguished Faculty Award in 2012.

She gives numerous presentations each year to university, professional, civic and student groups about MUW's history and 19th century women's education. She has published articles also about individual Southern women, including Eudora Welty and the founder of the O Henry prize, MUW alumna Blanche Colton Williams.

The public is invited to the free event.

Mississippi Painters Society presents scholarship to ICC's Makenzie Davis

ICC art student Makenzie Davis of Smithville, center, accepts a $500 check for a scholarship provided by the Mississippi Painters Society from representative Robbie Boyd and president Jane Sutton. Criteria for selection for the scholarship include the talent and desire to pursue art as a lifelong endeavor. The society's monthly meetings include an art challenge. "We are very grateful to the MSP for their generous scholarships to our hard-working students who are often in need of financial support over the years," said art department chairman Shawn Whittington.

ICC art students win awards at state competition

Staff Reports

Itawamba Community College art students are among award winners in the 2023 MCCAIA State Student Art Competition hosted by Northwest Mississippi Community College in Senatobia.

They include Jordan Springer of Mooreville, second place in 3-D/Sculpture for "Jean Banjo;" Emily Sauerwein of Pontotoc, third place in 3-D/Sculpture for "London's Worst;" Audre George of Pontotoc, first place in Drawing for "Self Portrait;" Piper Cutshall of Iuka, honorable mention in Drawing for "Old Hollywood," Makenzie Davis of Smithville, first place in 2-D Design for "Jung Ho Yeon" and third place in the same category for "Street Art;" Maria Tinajero of Ecru, honorable mention in 2-D Design for "Ode to Kahlo;" and Mia Coggin of Plantersville, first place in Painting/Mixed Media for "Fruit Juice."

ICC received eight of the 25 awards for categories they could enter, or 32 percent. Together, ICC and Hinds Community College received 17 of the total 33 awards, according to ICC art instructor Dr. Dana Arnold.

ICC sets All-American band auditions

TATUM SNEED
Staff Writer

The ICC All-American Marching Band is hosting auditions, Apr. 15, at 9 a.m.

ICC band director Ryan Todd described the process of applying for band auditions as "simply fill out the scholarship application, and I will contact the student's previous band director for recommendation."

Todd said that he will ask the student's band director if he/she left the band program in good standing. If so, he/she will be admitted into ICC's band. He said that if he cannot contact a student's previous band director, he will ask the student to audition.

Dram Major, Color Guard and Indianette auditions are held separately on Apr. 15 at 9 a.m. Indianettes and Drum Major auditions will be in the Band Hall on the Fulton Campus. Color Guard auditions are set for the intramural gym in the Carrie Ball-Williamson Recreational Center.

To learn more about auditions, those interested should visit the All-American Band on the ICC website, www.iccms.edu. Information includes the audition expectations and requirements for Drum Major, Color Guard and Indianettes.

"Students who are joining the All-American Marching Band should expect the same concept of what band was like for them in their previous years," Todd said. "It's like a typical high school band experience....without the competitive aspect."

A band scholarship is also available to full-time students who have a cumulative GPA of 2.0 and are enrolled in 15 hours of credit. The scholarship varies according to a student's experience in the skilled areas. The band represents ICC at public events throughout the year.

www.iccms.edu

HAPPENING Now

Dates to Remember

Staff Reports

March 27

Meet with MORA, Learn About Organ Donation
Fulton Campus
David C. Cole Student Services Building
10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Heart Hunt
Fulton Campus
Outside Carrie Ball-Williamson Recreational Center
11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Outdoor Yoga
Fulton Campus
Crane Pavilion
11 a.m.-1 p.m.

March 28

Morning Motivational Spin
Fulton Campus
Carrie Ball-Williamson Recreational Center 231
5:15 a.m.

Have a Smooth Day with JUVA
Fulton Campus
Carrie Ball-Williamson Recreational Center JUVA
11 a.m.

Field Day
Fulton Campus
Band Practice Field
2 p.m.

Women's Private Writing as a Public Resource
Fulton Campus
Lecture Demonstration Room
6 p.m.

Worship with Wesley
Fulton Campus
Wesley Foundation
6 p.m.

March 29

Relevant with Wesley
Tupelo Campus
Academic and Student Center
12:15 p.m.

Make 'N Take Workshop with Nutritional Coach Nicole Pearce
Fulton Campus
David C. Cole Student Services Building
Banquet Rooms
1:30 p.m.

15-Minute Ab Burn
Fulton Campus
Carrie Ball Williamson Recreational Center 231
2:45 p.m.

Be Happy Beginner Spin with Lexie
Fulton Campus
Carrie Ball Williamson Recreational Center 231
5 p.m.

Energizing Spin with Kaitlyn
Fulton Campus
Carrie Ball Williamson Recreational Center 231
7:30 p.m.

March 30

Construction Management and Forestry Career Fair
Fulton Campus
Crubaugh Technical Education Building 205
10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Ole Miss Tupelo Recruiting Visit
Tupelo Campus
Academic and Student Center Back Lobby
10:45 a.m.

Color Dash
Fulton Campus
Near Davis Event Center
3:30 p.m.

April 3

Film Club Meeting
Tupelo Campus
Academic and Student Center 205
12:30 p.m.

Ole Miss Tupelo Recruiting Visit
Fulton Campus
David C. Cole Student Services Building
10:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m.

April 5

Fashion Tribe presents POP!
Fulton Campus
W.O. Benjamin Fine Arts Center auditorium
7 p.m.

Members of ICC's Indian Delegation pose during the group's summer retreat.

Apply by April 1 for ICC Indian Delegation

Staff Reports

April 1 is the deadline for applications for Itawamba Community College's Indian Delegation.

The student recruiting team members serve as goodwill ambassadors for ICC.

Members are involved in activities directly related to recruiting and public relations, including but not limited to, ICC tours, visiting area high schools, community outreach, college days/nights and special meetings/events.

In addition to other requirements, Indian Delegation members must maintain a minimum of 15 hours per semester and a 2.5 or better grade point average.

Members are eligible for a $350 scholarship per semester (maximum of four semesters), one hour of class credit each semester based on participation, involvement, class attendance and exam and special training and experiences in personal development, interpersonal communication and community college recruiting and public relations activities.

For more information and an application, email delegate@iccms.edu or call (662) 862-8328.

Nine faculty/staff graduate from ICC's LDI

Staff Reports

Nine members of ICC's faculty and staff have graduated from its prestigious Leadership Development Institute.

They include **C.J. Adams,** assistant director of marketing; **Terry Bland**, financial aid director; **Josh Gammill**, continuing education director; **Adam Gore**, sports information and media relations director; **Holly Gray**, library director; **John Wayne Harris**, director of physical plant operations; **Chris Stevenson**, dean of academic instruction; **Dr. Dana Walker**, Associate Degree Nursing program director; and **Steven West**, systems analyst and programmer.

"The LDI was extremely beneficial and helped me broaden my vision for ICC, both as a college and our nursing program," Dana Walker said. "The sessions on leadership styles from Dr. (Jay) Allen (ICC President) and others helped foster new ideas on how to use the college's strategic plan and goals for decision making at my level. The LDI motivated me and made me feel connected to ICC and especially aware of how my decisions impact ICC and the community. Exposure to different leadership styles will make me a better program director."

C.J. Adams

Adams, who has been employed at ICC since 2018, is the recipient of multiple awards from the College Public Relations Association of Mississippi, including a grand award in electronic media, and the Mississippi Press Association.

Terry Bland

Bland's leadership roles in organizations have included president of the Mississippi Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators and the Northern representative for Veterans Affairs Administrators of Mississippi. He has been employed at ICC since 2015.

Josh Gammill

Gammill, who previously served as pathways coordinator, began his employment at ICC in 2015. His honors include president of the ICC Tupelo/Belden Faculty and Staff Association, successful completion of the DDI Leadership Facilitator Training and Gallup Strengths Coach Training and service on multiple ICC committees.

Adam Gore

Gore, who began employment at ICC in 2010, previously served as assistant sports information director and interim director of community relations. His honors include Northeast Mississippi Daily Journal Top 40 Under 40 (three times), ICC Meritorious Award and numerous CPRAM awards, including a grand award in electronic media.

Holly Gray

Gray's honors and memberships include Mississippi Library Association, MAGNOLIA steering committee and National Board-Certified Teacher. Before she began her ICC employment in 2016, Gray served as librarian for the Tupelo Public School District.

John Wayne Harris

Harris began employment at ICC in 2008 and has served as sound technician/housekeeper and energy systems manager. His awards include Eagle Scout, recognition by Siemens Industry Building Technologies for completing their master operator curriculum, ICC Support Staff Employee of the Year in 2015 and Outstanding Administrative Professional Staff of the Year award in 2020.

Chris Stevenson

Stevenson has been employed at ICC since 2010, and he previously served as chair of the history department and subsequently, the Social Science Division. His honors include William Winter Scholar and the John and Beth Cleveland Instructor of the Year award.

Dana Walker

Before employment at ICC in 2018, Walker was assistant professor and RN-BSN Coordinator of Mississippi University for Women, worked in various positions for the North Mississippi Medical Center for 11 years and was a nursing instructor at Northeast Mississippi Community College. She has numerous honors and is a member of several organizations.

Steven West

West, who has been at ICC since 2011, previously served as information systems technology instructor. His honors include the 2021 Meritorious award winner and grand award for electronic media from the College Public Relations Association of Mississippi.

"LDI opened my eyes to what leadership should be," West said. "From sitting in a legislative session and eating a meal with legislators, to meeting leaders from other community colleges, to learning from our own, president, this program allowed me an exclusive and rare glimpse into numerous leadership qualities. I could not have obtained my experience in any other way. I was inspired, enlightened and energized and am excited to use my new skills, not only professionally, but also at home and even in church."

Administered by the ICC President's office, the LDI, which is a one-year program that seeks to promote leaders from within ICC's family, includes selected courses as well as customized monthly workshops and seminars that such as professional talks and interactive sessions while focusing on the impacts of the College on our communities, state and region.

FYI

MAKE A NOTE OF IT

JUST A REMINDER...

Review lockdown procedures

ICC's faculty, staff and students are urged to review campus lockdown procedures.

"The procedures are meant to be very simple because at the point of a lockdown, the major concern is the safety of all of the individuals in the campus community," said Dr. Brad Boggs, vice president of student services.

Notifications will be communicated via ICC ALERT, email and the Emergency Information Web page.

Upon notification of campus lockdown, everyone must react immediately.

The procedures include

1) Lock all doors and windows.

2) Close all blinds.

3) Turn off lights.

4) Use room furnishings to barricade doors and as protection.

5) Everyone should sit on the floor, away from doors and windows.

6) Make no noise.

7) Remain in lockdown until it is cleared with a notice via ICC ALERT or the police/administrator gives te ALL CLEAR code.

In addition, these are procedures in the event of severe weather conditions or evacuation.

Individuals should check ICC's website, www.iccms.edu, for information. It's located under Campus Safety on the home page.

Sign up for ICC ALERT

ICC provides a mass notification system called ICC ALERT.

Students, faculty and staff are encouraged to participate in the free service.

ICC ALERT has been utilized for inclement weather situations when classes and offices were closed due to snow and icing conditions and when storms threatened the area.

To sign up to receive emergency messages through ICC ALERT: 1) Log on to the myTribe portal using your name and password; 2) Click ICC ALERT system in the link section on the bottom right; 3) Log in with your same username and password as myTribe to add/update your information.

For assistance with technical issues, contact the TIS Help Desk at (662) 862-8295 or via email at helpdesk@iccms.edu.

Litter-free

Everyone is reminded to use trash receptacles for litter. It's up to all of us to show our pride by ensuring that all three locations are litter-free.

No noise

Unnecessary noise is banned at Itawamba Community College, including loud music, yelling and screaming.

Students who are found guilty of noise violations will be fined, and the fine will double with each successive violation.

Campus Police

ICC-Belden...662.687.2752
ICC-Fulton...662.687.2750
ICC-Tupelo...662.687.2751

For more information about ICC emergency procedures... www.iccms.edu

With a nationwide focus on mental health, especially for college students after COVID-19 changed the world, ICC has designated a week each spring semester for awareness of the issue. This year's events included bubble wrap popping, a scream session, chalk art and seminars.

Mar. 6-9

Mental Health Awareness

ICC...#betterthanever

ICC Nursing students assist with Crossroads Ranch benefit

Itawamba Community College's Associate Degree Nursing students glazed 238 bowls to assist the Pilot Club of Fulton with its recent soup bowls luncheon to benefit the Itawamba Crossroads Ranch. Those who assisted with the "bowls of love" include, in no particular order, Erika Bray, Jade Kuykendall, Sarah Philpot, Alisha Kidd, Austin Guin, Taylor Coker, Abby Bratton, Katie Ramsey, Jacob Mapp, Cristy Hurd, Rebecca Brown, Audrey Parker, Megan Haywood, Alesha Turner, Victoria Strickland and Kaylee Ray. Tracie Ramey is the instructor.- ***Photo furnished*****.**

Adult education classes now offered on the Fulton Campus

Staff Reports

The location of Itawamba Community College's adult education classes, which did meet at the old Fulton Grammar School, has been changed to room 202 of the Crubaugh Technical Education Building at the Fulton Campus.

Classes meet from 3:30-7:30 p.m. on Mondays and Tuesdays. Enrollment for new students is on the first and third Mondays of each month.

The free classes offer students an opportunity to complete a high school diploma, including GED and HiSET exam, ACT and WorkKeys preparation and score improvement.

Work readiness, reading, math and writing refresher skills are also offered to individuals seeking to improve their employability or educational skills.

Persons enrolling in the classes must be out of school and at least 16 years of age.

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Itawamba Community College is an open admission, comprehensive, publicly supported two-year institution primarily serving Chickasaw, Itawamba, Lee, Monroe and Pontotoc counties, while also being responsive to the instructional and economic development needs of the region.

Itawamba Community College fulfills its mission through 1) College-parallel, technical and career programs to prepare students to transfer or enter the workforce; 2) Continuing education and workforce pathways for individuals striving for professional growth or personal enrichment; 3) Strategic partnerships to provide student opportunities, meet business and industry needs and promote economic development; 4) Adult education programs committed to increasing the literacy level of the adult population, providing self-improvement opportunities, workforce readiness and/or high school equivalency; 5) Resources, including financial, physical and technological to advance educational purpose as well as traditional and online instructional services, student support services and business management; 6) Recruitment and employment of qualified personnel as well as provide ongoing opportunities for leadership growth and success in educational, career and personal goals.

Candidates for admission to academic and career education programs may be admitted by diploma - students are required to present an official transcript from a high school accredited by the appropriate state or regional accreditation association; by completing the appropriate number of Carnegie units; by successfully completing an acceptable high school equivalency test - students are required to have an official copy of the high school equivalency transcript mailed to the Director of Admissions; by advanced standing (college transfer students). Students graduating without a regular diploma (Occupational Diploma or Special Education Diploma) must successfully complete an acceptable high school equivalency test or qualify under a Mississippi Ability to Benefit State Process in order to be eligible for admission to Itawamba Community College. Some career education programs may have selective criteria for admission.

Itawamba Community College is an equal opportunity institution. The College strictly prohibits discrimination in its educational programs and activities, employment practices and admissions processes on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, religion, ethnicity, pregnancy, sexual orientation, gender identity, genetic information, status as a U.S. veteran or other status protected by applicable law. For more information, contact the Vice President of Student Services, 602 West Hill Street, Fulton, MS 38843, 662.862.8271 or email TitleIXCoordinator@iccms.edu.

In compliance with Title Iv of the Civil Rights At of 1964; TitleIX, Education Amendments of 1972; and Section 504, Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Itawamba Community College makes available its curricular and extracurricular programs and its facilities to every qualified person regardless of race, sex, color, creed, national origin or disability.

Itawamba Community College is accredited by the Southern Association of Community Colleges to award associate degrees. Contact the Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097 or call 404.670.4500 for questions about the accreditation of Itawamba Community College.

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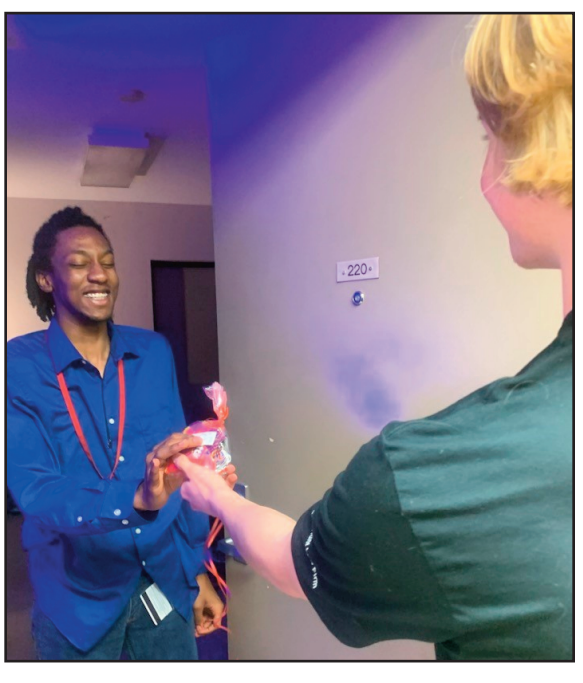


ICC breaks ground
state-of-the-art softball, tennis complex

Staff Reports

Itawamba Community College broke ground Mar. 7 on a 6,000-square-foot softball and tennis complex at the Fulton Campus.

In addition to the softball stadium, the complex will include locker rooms for both men's and women's tennis and softball; laundry facilities and a small training area, all on the first floor; three separated rooms for scoring, announcer and media and two large open decks at the top of the stadium on the second floor. It will have approximately 90 chair back and 200 bench seats.

"It's not just going to be ANY softball and tennis complex," said ICC President Dr. Jay Allen. "It's going to be the BEST anywhere. This is a significant event, not only for Indian athletics, but also for our entire college. As we celebrate the college's 75th year, what a way to have a birthday party! I can't wait to gather here again as we cut the ribbon on this magnificent facility."

ICC Athletic Director and Dean of Students Dr. Chad Case agreed. "This facility will give our student-athletes a first class venue to showcase their talents. Their pride will undoubtedly translate to success. This facility will enable our coaches to recruit some of the best players because it will serve as a visual reminder that ICC cares enough about our student-athletes to provide top-notch accommodations. At ICC, we take pride in all of our student-athletes. Our investment in our facilities is an investment in their future, one that will reap significant dividents for many years to come."

Student-athletes Stroud Mills (tennis) of Pontotoc and Sarah Kate Thompson (softball) of Potts Camp represented their teammates in making remarks during the ceremony.

"This new complex will go a long way in helping future players have the best opportunities to live up to the ICC slogan of The Best Start Here...and I'm proud to be a building block in the foundation of all the great things to come," Mills said.

In expressing appreciation to ICC's leadership for their vision, Thompson agreed. "There has been a lot of blood, sweat and tears from so many players who have come before us to help make ICC softball what it is today. This new facility will honor those sacrifices while helping to build toward newfound success in the future."

The architect is Cooke Douglass Farr Lemons, PA, and the contractor, Roberts Builders.

#RollTribe

Tribe Talk

ELIJAH COLEMAN
Sports Editor

March is commemorated as National Athletic Training Month, an opportunity to recognize and focus attention on those who take great care of student-athletes.

Practices and games put a lot of stress on the bodies of ICC's student-athletes, which makes the role of trainers vital.

Among their duties are to alleviate cramps that some athletes have in the middle of games. We've all seen them. Players fall to the floor of the gym or on the ground during a football game with pained expressions on their faces. Or there could be a rolled ankle that needs to be iced to take the swelling down or taped to provide pressure to enable the athlete to play on through the pain. Trainers also can easily pop dislocated bones back into place.

In the coming decades, as student engagement in athletics continues to rise and team sports are even more popular, the availability of onsite medical services is certain to grow increasingly crucial. Athletes now frequently suffer from illnesses that are more complicated with extenuating effects if they aren't caught before they become serious. Among them are minor injuries, such as concussions.

According to the Nationwide Children's Organization, "Almost 7 million student-athletes participate in high school sports programs today with additional numbers in middle school and summer league programs." With this, as students elevate to higher levels of sporting industries, athletes are more susceptible to injuries as they train harder and practice more. This doesn't take into consideration those who are multi-sport athletes.

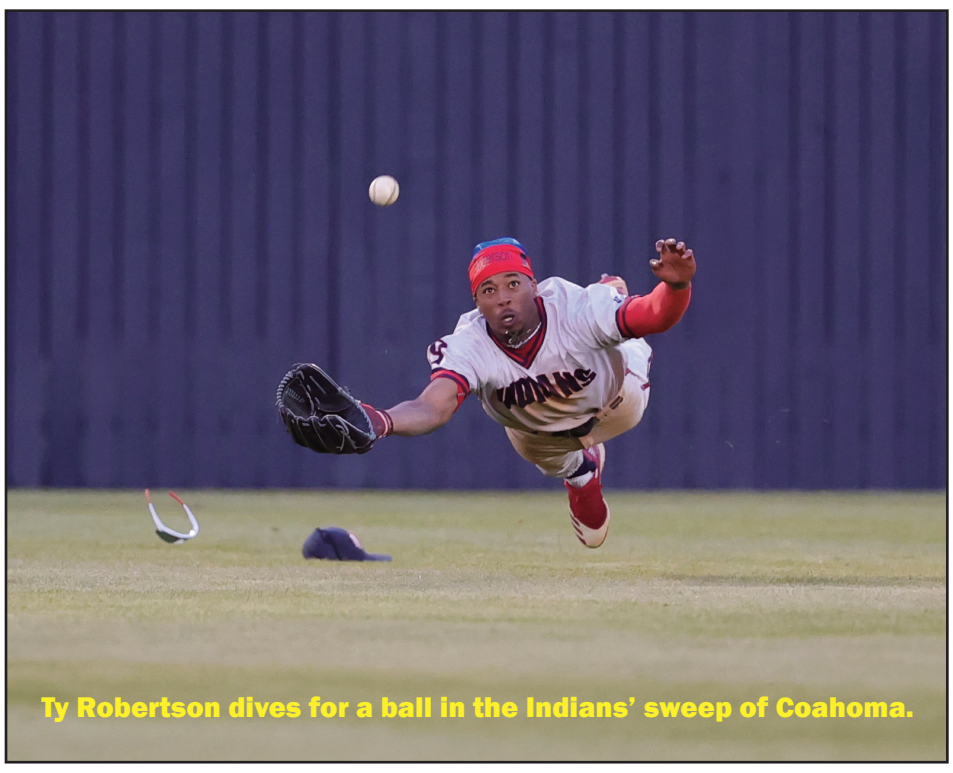
Athletic trainers must meet certain educational requirements such as obtaining at least their master's degree as an entry-level education, a change that will evolve over the next few years. Athletic trainers are responsible, multi-skilled professionals and are normally praised for being supportive individuals, both clinically and personally.

As a current ICC student-athlete, I can personally attest to the value of athletic trainers. ICC's trainers are reliable and are always onsite for every sport that the school offers, no matter the weather or time of day or night.

By definition, athletic trainers work with physicians, coaches, athletes and other clients in various settings. It is a healthcare profession that helps people stay active and prevent, diagnose and treat injuries.

ICC's trainers are more than this. They take exceptional care of our student-athletes...They are our family, and they are the BEST!

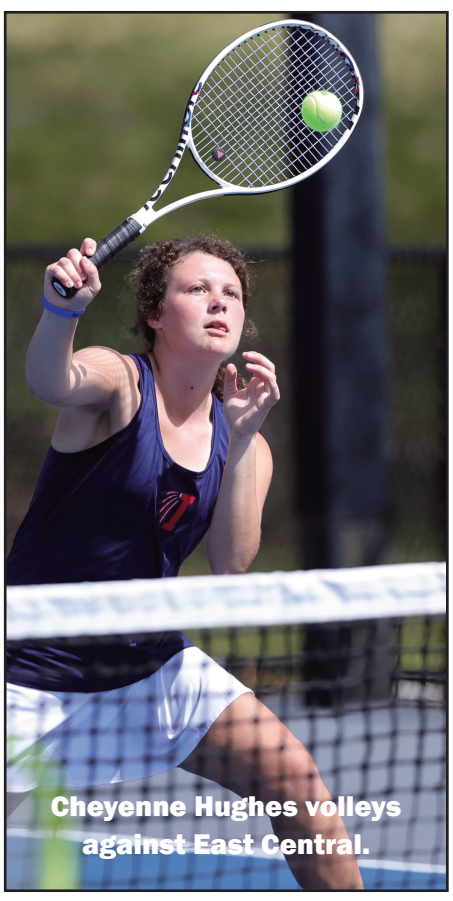
ICC's athletic trainers include, from left, Campbell Dye, Johnathan Rogers, Anna Grace Coomer, Nikki Monk, Josh Holt, Anna Maldonado, Mason Simmons and Daniel Bearman.



Ty Robertson dives for a ball in the Indians' sweep of Coahoma.

Spring Sports

Houston Walker returns a ball against East Central.

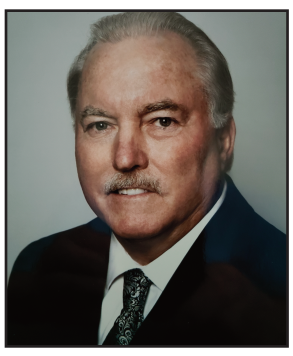


Cheyenne Hughes volleys against East Central.

In full swing

Photos by Lee Adams

Allie Beckley makes a diving catch against Mississippi Gulf Coast.



Ron Hill

Hill set to join MCC Sports HOF

Staff Reports

Ron Hill, a native of Okolona, will be one of 15 inductees into the Mississippi Community College Sports Hall of Fame, Apr. 25, at the Hinds Community College Rankin Campus.

Hill played football at Mississippi State University in 1971. He transferred to Itawamba Junior College where he played linebacker for Coach Dudley Miller during the 1972 season and graduated in 1973. He returned to Mississippi State, where he earned both the bachelor's and master's degrees.

His extensive career includes assistant coach in Elaine, Ark., graduate assistant at Mississippi State, college scout with the Dallas Cowboys, regional scout and assistant director of player personnel for the Denver Broncos, director of pro personnel with the Jacksonville Jaguars, vice president of football operations for the National Football League, player personnel scout for the Cleveland Browns and NFL Players Association consultant for the Collegiate All-Star Game.

Hill played an integral role in building five NFL teams that reached 10 conference championship games and four Super Bowls over his 29-year NFL scouting career. He was inducted into the ICC Athletic Hall of Fame in 2018.

He and his wife, Tina, live in Ponte Vedra, Fla. They have two sons, Austin and Ryan (Catherine and little Tatum). Both of his sons are United States Naval Academy graduates.

The MCC Sports Hall of Fame recognizes coaches and athletes who have coached and/or played at one or more of Mississippi's public community or junior colleges. Forty-five individuals were inducted as charter members in 2007; 30 in 2008; and 15 are to be inducted each ensuing year.

Itawamba Community College Sports...

ON THE SCHEDULE

BASEBALL

3.29	@Northeast	3/6 p.m.
4.1	Southwest	2/5 p.m.
4.4	Calhoun	2/4 p.m.
4.7	@Co-Lin	2/5 p.m.
4.12	East Mississippi	3/6 p.m.
4.15	@East Central	2/5 p.m.
4.18	Miss. Delta	3/6 p.m.
4.22	Hinds	2/5 p.m.
4.25	@Northwest	3/6 p.m.
4.28	Jones	3/6 p.m.

GOLF

3.27	@Meridian Invitational	
4.4	@MACCC Tournament	
4.20	@NJCAA Region 23 Tour.	

SOFTBALL

3.29	Northeast	3/5 p.m.
4.1	@Southwest	1/3 p.m.
4.4	Jackson State	2/4 p.m.
4.7	Co-Lin	1/3 p.m.
4.12	@East Miss.	2/4 p.m.
4.15	East Central	2/4 p.m.
4.18	@Miss. Delta	1/3 p.m.
4.21	@Hinds	5/7 p.m.
4.25	Northwest	3/5 p.m.
4.28	Jones	3/5 p.m.

TENNIS

3.28	Northeast	2 p.m.
4.4	Meridian	1/2 p.m.

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Mississippi State University Provost and Executive Vice President Dr. David Shaw and Itawamba Community College President Dr. Jay Allen sign a memorandum of understanding to successfully transfer honors credits recently.

ICC, Mississippi State sign honors transfer credit MOU

Staff Reports

Itawamba Community College and Mississippi State University have signed a memorandum of understanding to successfully transfer honors credits.

The agreement, which was signed by ICC President Dr. Jay Allen and MSU Provost and Executive Vice President Dr. David Shaw, will enable seamless transfer of the credits from ICC to the Shackouls Honors College at MSU.

Students from ICC seeking admission to the Shackouls Honors College at Mississippi State must follow the standard admissions procedures for transfer students, according to the agreement, and honors credits transferred from ICC will count at MSU.

There are two pathways for an ICC student to graduate in good standing from the Shackouls Honors College, including the Cursus Pathway (two specified honors courses, at least one three credit 300-level Honors Interdisciplinary course with a grade of 'C' or higher and a for-credit Study Abroad, additional foreign language course or a faculty-led research project and successfully writing and defending an Honors thesis (0-6 credits). The second is the Honors Pathway in which a student must take at least one three-credit Honors course per academic year, including an Honors Interdisciplinary course with a grade of 'C' or higher.

'This agreement will allow our exceptional students - the BEST of the BEST - to transfer their honors credits to Mississippi State University, an unparalleled opportunity to enhance their college experience and in further recognition of their significant accomplishments and achievements, said ICC President Dr. Jay Allen.

Among the ICC students who will benefit most are those in the Honors College, which provides an innovative learning environment for gifted students by incorporating leadership abilities and fostering a sense of service to communities.

"The ICC Honors College is excited about the MOU partnership with Mississippi State University," said Director Robin Lowe. "This initiative gives honors students a plethora of opportunities for study-abroad programs, pathways for academic research, additional scholarships and career opportunities. More importantly, our honors students will have a seamless transition to MSU and Shackouls Honors College to further their professional and personal endeavors."

ICC's Dickinson elected president of state Campus Law Enforcement group

Jason Dickinson

Staff Reports

Itawamba Community College Campus Police Chief Jason Dickinson of Mantachie has been elected president of the Mississippi Campus Law Enforcement Association for a two-year term.

Dickinson returned to ICC in 2021 to become Campus Police Chief 28 years after he first enrolled as a student. He previously spent 23 years working patrol and investigating in such roles as chief of police, chief investigator, captain patrol, commander special operation group, sergeant patrol and patrol officer. A graduate of Mantachie High School, Dickinson earned Associate of Applied Science degrees in Agribusiness and Law Enforcement at ICC.

He has received numerous honors during his career in law enforcement, including the youngest Chief of Police (Mantachie) in 1998-99. In addition, his career has included serving as Patrol Sergeant for the Baldwyn Police Department and Chief Investigator for the Itawamba County Sheriff's office. Among his certifications, Dickinson has earned the full-time law enforcement certificate and every state teaching certificate. He is a nationally certified Active Shooter instructor and K-9 handler and state-certified Criminal Investigator and SWAT Operator.

Dickinson and his wife, Amanda, have two daughters, Lexie Chism (Peyton) and Jacie.

The Mississippi Campus Law Enforcement Association includes representatives from all colleges in the state. its purpose is to promote professional details and standards in the administration of security and law enforcement throughout the community and the state's junior/senior colleges and universities. It also makes security and law enforcement a part of the education process and improves methods and procedures in the administration, planning, development, operation and maintenance of campus law enforcement, ensuring the safety and well-being of the campus community.

Register TODAY for fall '23!